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Consultant Public Health Physician – Medical Epidemiologist

Expert in *infectious diseases, public health, travel health, tropical medicine*

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## United Kingdom General Medical Council

GMC Reference Number: 3013254

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Full Registration date: 1<sup>st</sup> February 1986

Specialist Register entry date: 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1996

## United Kingdom Academy of Experts

Membership Number: 2639

Academy admission date: 1<sup>st</sup> December 2005

## Main keywords / textfields

AIDS / HIV	Lyme disease
Coronavirus / COVID-19	Malaria
<i>E. coli</i>	Meningitis
Gastroenteritis	Osteomyelitis
Hepatitis A / B / C / E	Q fever
Legionnaires' disease	Sepsis
Leptospirosis	TB / tuberculosis

## My personal profile

I am a UK-trained physician and a Consultant in Public Health Medicine. I qualified as a consultant in 1995. I then worked for 19 years as full-time consultant public health adviser for the UK military. I currently work as a public health consultant and epidemiologist in independent practice.

I have taught, researched and published extensively, with over 70 peer-reviewed scientific papers, and chapters in standard scientific textbooks. I am a past examiner and current Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of London (FFPHM). I was for ten years (2008–2017) Editor-in-Chief of *Human Parasitic Diseases* and Visiting Lecturer at Leicester de Montfort University.

I have acted in mediation disputes, and as a jointly-instructed expert. I have on three occasions acted as an invited expert adviser in UK Parliamentary inquiries. I have advised the General Medical Council, Nursing and Midwifery Council, UK Coroners' Service, Public Health England and UK national and regional police forces. In March 2023 I was appointed as independent scientific advisor to the Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry. In October 2024 I was appointed as independent epidemiology advisor to the Scottish Hospitals Inquiry.

## My areas of professional expertise

Actinomycosis, AIDS, amoebiasis, aspergillosis, avian flu, bilharzia, borreliosis, botulism, brucellosis, campylobacter, candidiasis, cellulitis, chickenpox, chikungunya, chlamydia, cholera, CJD, *Clostridium difficile*, coronavirus, COVID-19, coxsackie, cryptococcosis, cryptosporidiosis, cyclosporiasis, cysticercosis, dengue fever, diarrhoea, diphtheria, discitis, dysentery, echinococcosis, ehrlichiosis, encephalitis, enteric fever, erysipelas, *Escherichia coli* O157, food poisoning, gastroenteritis, genital warts, giardiasis, glandular fever, gonorrhoea, hepatitis A / B / C / E, herpes simplex, herpes zoster, histoplasmosis, HIV, hydatid disease, iGAS, infectious mononucleosis, influenza, legionellosis, Legionnaires' disease, leishmaniasis, leptospirosis, listeria, Lyme disease, lymphatic filariasis, malaria, measles, melioidosis, meningitis, meningococcal infection, monkeypox, MRSA, mumps, *Mycoplasma*, necrotizing fasciitis, norovirus, NTM infection, osteomyelitis, pertussis, pneumococcal disease, pneumonia, poliomyelitis, PVL infection, Q fever, rabies, reactive arthritis, Reiter's disease, rheumatic fever, rickettsial infections, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, rubella, salmonella, salmonellosis, SARS, schistosomiasis, sepsis, septicaemia, septic arthritis, septic shock, sexually-transmitted infections, shigella, shingles, sinusitis, STD, swine flu, syphilis, TB, TBE, tetanus, travellers' diarrhoea, toxocariasis, toxoplasmosis, trichomoniasis, trypanosomiasis, tuberculosis, tularaemia, typhoid fever, typhus, UTI, viral haemorrhagic fever, Weil's disease, West Nile fever, whooping cough, yellow fever.

All parasitic diseases and infestations, including bedbugs, cockroaches, larvae, lice, scabies, ticks, worms.

Cochrane reviews. Epidemiology. Safety of vaccines and drugs. Antimalaria drugs (e.g. mefloquine / Lariam).